Home Mission Echoes

"The Country for which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers."

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Opportunity, Necessity

A story was related of the Golconda diamond mines. A Persian farmer of old owned a piece of land. One day he was shown a diamond and told that if he could find diamonds they would enrich him much more quickly than his farm. So he sold his farm and went forth in quest of diamonds. He searched long, and at last returned, a broken man, to his old home. He had found no diamonds, but the peasant to whom he had sold his farm to go forth in search of diamonds had found diamonds. The very soil he had sold and forsaken was the richest mine in the world. Had he but searched in his own soil he would have found that for which he had compassed sea and land, and found not.

How often has this experience been repeated in the affairs of men! How often have diamond mines of opportunity lying at men's very feet been unseen, neglected and forsaken! The richest opportunity of the world lies in the soil upon which we Disciples of Christ tread to-day. America is the Golconda mine for the gospel for our plea for primitive Christianity. I am confident that nowhere else in the wide world may "gems for his crown" be gotten in so great quantities and of so fine qualities, with such little cost and effort as right here in our own land, America. Nowhere else will men, money and time accomplish so much for Christ and enrich His kingdom so rapidly as here in the Home field. Here is our opportunity. Why not make the most of it? Why not dig right here?

Let us not forsake this field or neglect in the least this great opportunity. Sometimes it seems we are neglecting it. It seems too many are like the Persian peasant and do not appreciate the fact that the enrichment and enlargement of the kingdom is at our very door, and that we possess the land. Do we want to number 2,000,000 in 1907? If so, those millions will be gotten only by working American soil for the next four years to the utmost. —*Selected.*

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Meeting at Dayton, Ohio

The hour which is taken by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society at the May Anniversaries was given at the request of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and not sought by the Woman's Society. The meeting at Dayton, Ohio was a disappointment. The hour upon the printed program was from two until three. By some misunderstanding it was announced at 2.30. As we were compelled to stop at three the exercises of the hour were curtailed. After a few words from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. James McWhinnie made an excellent address upon Alaska. Rev. N. B. Rairden, who has recently visited our Mexican Schools spoke in high terms of the work of our Society in that Republic. Extracts from a fine paper upon "Signs of the progress of the negro" by Miss Lucy H. Upton, of Spelman Seminary, were read by Dr. Morehouse. The hour was full of good things, but it is a hard matter to put the exercises of an hour into forty minutes. Miss Upton's paper will be printed in "HOME MISSION ECHOES."

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"Our Echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow forever and forever."—*Tennyson.*

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Editorial

Our Finances

PROBABLY most of our Constituents have heard that we closed the year out of debt; but are you aware that we had NO BALANCE, and that our Contingent Funds were reduced from $6,500 to $700? This makes us over $9,000 short in the amount needed at the beginning of the year.

You can realize more fully our situation when I tell you that we depend wholly, each year, on our balance and Contingent Funds for meeting our teachers' salaries from April to September. In view of the imperative needs, it was decided to make an effort to raise this year $10,000 OVER and ABOVE our regular contributions.

To secure this money, two thousand Insurance Policies have been issued. Premium on each, $5.00. When each Policy has been taken we shall have the $10,000 needed. The name adopted is the *Co-operative Insurance Company.* The Insurance is for the maintenance of our work among the Indians and in Alaska. The one who takes a Policy simply pledges her interest in the work and promises to pay $5.00 on each Policy. The Policy-holder can make the date when the Premium shall become due. This can be paid any month in the year except March.

It is hoped that every Circle, Young People's Society, and Band will have shares in this work. The Policies are also available for personal gifts, Sunday-school classes, in fact, they can be used by anyone who is willing to make an extra offering for the work of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Since April first, 1906, we have borrowed over $2,000, and unless we receive extra contributions we must GIVE UP some of the work of the past year. How much are you willing to help toward the extra $10,000 so much needed? Information regarding our Indian and Alaska work is sent with each Policy.

Will you not give this matter your careful and prayerful consideration?

GERTRUDE L. DAVIS, Treas.

Boston, May 3, 1906.

WE very regretfully accept the resignation of our Assistant State Vice-President for Eastern Massachusetts, Mrs. Alice Holt Brundage. Mrs. Brundage has given to our Woman's Society efficient and intelligent service, and her work has been blessed.

OUR hearts go out in loving sympathy to our sister Miss Mary L. Howard, of Hartford, Conn., in the great sorrow through which she is passing. We grieve not only for her but for ourselves. Those who have known Mr. James L. Howard in years gone by, and remember the genial, cordial man who welcomed us to his home, feel that we have met with a personal loss. In the church, the denomination and the State, Ex-Lieutenant Governor Howard has had a large place. For many months we have missed Miss Howard from our Board meetings, as she tenderly cared for her father in his illness.

THE great calamity which has destroyed San Francisco falls with crushing weight upon the Christian Chinese in that city. Letters from Miss Stein of Fresno, and Miss Willsie of Sacramento tell us that they were not affected by the earthquake, but the hosts of Chinese who lost all in San Francisco, are flocking to these cities, and Chinatown in both cities is over crowded. We need to pray for these people who are now in great need.

THE resignation of Mrs. N. M. Waterbury as Home Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has brought sorrow to many hearts. The long years of efficient service which she has given to this work have helped not only the Woman's Society but the denomination at large. The young women of the country will feel her loss keenly, for by her deep love for the girls, and her winsome personality she has led them into lines of consecrated service. May God bless our sister and give her health and strength to use her influence for many years in extending the Redeemer's kingdom.

MRS. G. S. HARWOOD, a member of our Board, sailed April 26th for a summer in England. We missed her from our Annual Meeting, but she is remembered in our prayers, that she may be safely returned to us, refreshed by the change of climate, and the summer with her dear friends.

"Unanswered yet. Faith cannot be unanswered;
Her feet are firmly planted on the rock;
Amidst the wildest storms she stands undaunted,
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock;
She knows Omnipotence has heard the prayer,
And cries—'It shall be done—sometime—somewhere.'"

Report of the Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society for Wednesday Afternoon.

FTER a bountiful dinner, served by the ladies of the entertaining church, the afternoon session opened by singing Coronation. Scripture Reading Ps. 103 by the President, Mrs. Alice B. Coleman, and prayer by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt. Beautiful words of welcome were extended to the delegates by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Carey W. Chamberlin, and responded to by the President. A Committee of Resolutions was appointed consisting of Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, Mrs. Alexander Blackburn, Mrs. G. W. Rigler, Mrs. J. A. Brackett and Mrs. Charles C. Crook.

Opening reports for the most part were brought by the State Vice-Presidents. Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt and Mrs. M. S. Howes of Maine reported a gain of Circles, Mission Bands, Contributors to HOME MISSION ECHOES, average attendance, and number of meetings held, membership, and a financial gain of $220.40 over last year. Six new directors have also been appointed for the associations and are doing good work.

Mrs. M. T. Hoague and Mrs. F. L. Knapp reported progress in New Hampshire. More subscribers for ECHOES, more money contributed to Alaska than the previous year, two new directors in the senior work. The junior is confronted with four vacancies among the ranks of the directors, but we are sure the strong faith of the leader will surmount this difficulty as it has many others hitherto.

Mrs. J. B. Safford of Vermont reported increase of interest and enthusiasm in Vermont. More barrels and boxes sent and more study, "Heroes of the Cross." In the absence of Mrs. E. B. Earle and Mrs. Alice H. Brundage of Eastern Massachusetts their reports were very acceptably presented by Mrs. F. L. Cleveland. Mrs. John Hildreth and Mrs. H. E. Thayer of Western Massachusetts spoke of some gains and some losses. Four churches contributed this year which never did before. A "Round Robin" letter was started.

In the absence of Mrs. W. H. Hinds her report was presented by Mrs. E. A. Herring. Rhode Island showed an increase of gifts and attendance in many of the Circles. Mrs. Helen R. Dewhurst presented her report and also that of Miss Mary L. Howard for Connecticut which showed great gain. Some of the gifts from churches were increased many fold. Blanks were excellently prepared and sent in promptly. Junior Circles reached $700 this year. The financial gain for Connecticut was $400 more than last year.

Following the reports came an excellent paper on an Indian Heroine, Shoshone Sacagawea, by Mrs. M. T. Hoague of Concord, N. H.

A vote of sympathy was sent to Miss Mary L. Howard, who is detained at home by the loss of her father, Governor Howard.

A delightful conversation showing "Life at Kodiak Orphanage" was given by seven Beverly boys. The last address of the afternoon was "Method in Young Womens' Work" given by Mrs. Horace MaGuire of Portland, Maine. She ably presented her subject by using as an illustration a model young woman's society, showing its organization and workings throughout all its branches, social, literary, missionary, and financial. Every young lady in the church is personally welcomed and made to feel that she is appreciated. Programs are carefully prepared and adjusted to each member.

MRS. M. S. HOWES.

Wednesday Evening

Despite the rain which was falling, a large audience was in attendance. Excellent music by a chorus choir and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. H. Wheeler of Danvers opened the session;—the President, Mrs. Coleman in the chair. As through the day, the presence of the young lady ushers was a delight.

The first speaker was Mr. Phillip Davis of the Civic Service House, Boston,—on the theme:—

Immigration, "A Problem in Democracy."

This is a peculiar problem. The same democracy that invited immigration now stands in the way of dealing with it. More democracy will solve it.

If America had remained under the control of Spain deportation as in older days would easily have solved the problem which confronts the United States today.

French domination would have needed but the stroke of a pen to wipe out all undesirable peoples, as it was once used to put in force the order that expelled that most noble sect, the Waldenses, after the severest oppression. English contest through the procedure of alien laws would have exiled unwelcome additions to the population.

Happily none of these conditions have prevailed and as an independent nation we must for ourselves solve the problem. Since 1820 23,000,000 have been engrafted into our body politic; in 1905 over 1,000,000 came to us and more will come the present year. Face value as to numbers does not count accurately, as many of them have been here before, as is the case with the Canadians who return to their homes when the season's work is over. Poles, Slavs and like nations are birds of passage. Seventeen per cent of the immigrants of 1905 had been here before.

It is time that the quality and character of the people who come has changed in recent years. Now the mass is from South Eastern, when a score of years ago it was from North Eastern Europe. English Germans and Irish have in large measure given way to other nationalities, but *all* that is said about their poverty, their poor physique, their crimes and their diseases is not true. While in many cases high intelligence has given place to low illiteracy, and strength to weakness still the problem as it is waits our solution.

Many who come aim for a higher education for their children than has been their own. Ignorant himself, partly through the neglect of his government, if he seeks greater advantages for his children can we repulse him? Shall we urge poverty against a man who has converted his all into passage money to bring him here?

"The condition of these immigrants should be reviewed; their hopes considered, and their future thought of before we talk on this question which means so much to this nation."

The second address of the evening was led by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, a colored woman of most pleasing personality, and address. She is a graduate of Oberlin College and a trustee of Hartshorn Memorial College.

Colored women are not ashamed of their record for the last fifty years. They have forged ahead in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles. When certain advocates of the rights of women once expressed their opinions, the colored woman wondered if she should ever have any recognition

They have a National Association for colored women—that is aiming to secure homes, *more* homes, *better* homes, *purer* homes.

If women of the dominant race need Mother's Congresses in the rearing of their children, how much more do colored women. It is hard to inspire her with hope when she knows what is before her child—who must walk in the path of prejudice and proscription. No matter how skillful his hand or honest his heart, trades and labor unions will close their doors against him. Still she is teaching him the dignity of labor, and his need of preparation for future life.

It is a part of the colored woman's religion to do well what she has to do. Hospitals, sanitariums, day nurseries and kindergartens are among the institutions rounded by them. They are using every influence against the one-room cabin, for the repeal of the Jim Crow car laws intended to humiliate not only the low down but the best of the colored race.

The Convict Lease System was condemned as worse than slavery. The colored people are a happy people, grateful for the help given them, and climbing upward, trusting that the opening buds of promise will soon burst into the beautiful blossoms of fruition. ANNA SARGENT HUNT.

Thursday Morning

Sunshine and invigorating breezes greeted the women as they gathered for the Thursday morning session, to consider "Our responsibilities and our needs."

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Alexander Blackburn of Salem, who gave Paul's message to the women, that we love one another.

The report of the Board of Directors was given by Mrs. Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary. The printed report having been previously circulated the speaker only read extracts, placing special emphasis upon the unfulfilled pledges made in the resolutions adopted one year ago, and the present condition of the treasury, asking if we are willing even to consider retrenchment in our work. She referred very briefly to the needs of various schools.

The Treasurer's report confirmed the word already gone forth that not only was there no balance in the treasury but the Contingent Fund was reduced to about $700.00 and the Alaska Contingent Fund to $41.00.

Mrs. McWhinnie reported the crowded condition and continual new opportunities for work at the Alaska Orphage, emphasizing the disastrous effects which would follow the passage of the Nelson Bill now before Congress. This bill would take the education and care of the native Alaskans out of the jurisdiction of the U. S. Bureau of Education and place them in the hands of the Governor of Alaska. At the close of her report a resolution was presented, addressed to Senator Lodge and Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, protesting strongly against this bill and asking that their influences shall be used against its passage. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Miss Howlett spoke of the "Passing-On-Idea" of our Paper Mission, and emphasized the help and needed enjoyment of good secular as well as religious reading to those who are doing our work in needy places.

In the consideration of our "needs" a symposium, What Next? was a helpful feature. Miss Hattie A. Manley spoke of the need of Information, for ourselves and that we may impart; Mrs. Guy Lamson, of Personal Work with our children and friends; Miss Fanny Story of the Courage born of Faith, of Hope, of Love; Mrs. Woodman Bradbury upon Consecration, "upon which in us depends the coming of that day when all shall call Him blessed." Miss Davis asked "What Next" in Finances. "While the outlook is not bright yet we are not discouraged." She then presented a plan devised to raise $10,000 this year, *over and above* the amount needed for the regular work. This is in the form of a Co-operative Insurance Company for the maintenance of our Indian Work and our Alaska Work. The premiums are $5.00 each, to be made payable any month in the year except March. Any individual or organization may take one or more of these policies, always remembering that these amounts are an *extra* gift. A stirring appeal in behalf of this measure was made and the response was enthusiastic. Representatives from circle after circle pledged for one, two, or three shares, a policy for Alaska being pledged from the girls of Mather School, and another from the girls of Miss Brown's Swedish sewing class. Pledges to the amount of about $900 were made.

An interesting address was given by Rev. W. B. C. Merry of Boston upon City Work. He said there is no denomination in Boston so favorably situated to do evangelical work as the Baptist, and we should be alive to our opportunities. Three things are needed. There must come into the Christian church compassion such as Jesus felt when He saw the multitudes, co-operation and consecration. When we work for these peoples in our midst with all our hearts then the revival prayed for will come. MRS. A. F. PEARE.

Thursday Afternoon

With sunny skies above us and hearts o' May within, we entered upon the closing session of our annual meeting. Following the election of officers came our Swedish missionary, Miss Mathilda Brown, who spoke in her usual happy vein. She reminded us that the vastly increasing number of foreigners crowding each year to our land brings additional responsibility. "As we hear the sound of the great waves of emigrants dash on our shores, let us be ready for the work. The question for us the coming year is, Whom do I love most? Let our answer be that of the little Swedish girl dying in a Hospital—'Jesus comes *first*.'"

Miss Nash of Washington County, Me., rendered a pleasing violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Pierce of Beverly. Mrs. A. S. Hunt presented resolutions making special mention of the pressing needs of the treasury; that $10,000 be raised this year by means of insurance policies; that local agents for "HOME MISSION ECHOES" be appointed by each Society; and that thanks be extended to the Beverly Church for their cordial hospitality.

Miss S. E. Owen, Beaufort, S. C., presented the "Plantation Girl" and the difficulties she encounters when she leaves her two-roomed cabin to enter the Mission School. She is taught that dormitory, laundry and kitchen work are just as important as school work, also that promptness is a useful commodity to possess. Each girl upon entering the dining room is required to repeat a verse before breakfast and they often learn to make blessed applications of these truths.

Rev. J. H. Spencer, North Adams, Mass., gave a most admirable address on "A Christian View of the Foreign Horde." He spoke of the important work facing us by the westward moving stream of humanity and regarded it as nothing less than the direct work of God. "Providence was never written more plainly than in this phenomenon seen today. Congress is at last turning its attention to this spectacle of people flocking to our shores to the tune of 800,000 to 1,000,000 per year. We, as a people, must guard our interests, but let us beware, lest, in so doing, we fight against God. No more

certainly does the hand of God lead the Gulf stream thro' the mighty waters, than this same powerful hand leads this stream to our shores. When a poor man steps from an ocean-liner, kneels and passionately kisses the soil, have you the heart to begrudge him an entrance to our fair land? God is giving us a chance, right here and now, and the Church of Jesus Christ must face this new chance. We must first get rid of our wicked race prejudice. Let God strike the scales from our eyes that we may behold the jewels in the ash-heap."

Mrs. Janie Prichard Duggan was pleasantly introduced as the great granddaughter of Rev. Elisha Scott Williams, pastor of the Beverly Baptist Church over one hundred years ago. She gave glimpses of her work and described it as "a little of everything from Primary work to preaching with a little doctoring thrown in. Every Christian in Porto Rico is known by his two companions—the little red book and the black book—hymn book and Bible. During the seven years that the American Baptists have been working here, they have met with good success and there are now twenty-five Baptist Churches in this beautiful little green spot in the blue ocean."

A few earnest words were offered by Rev. Carey W. Chamberlin of the entertaining church. He alluded to the note of joy and triumph that had pervaded all the speeches of the day and of the splendid progress that had been made along all lines, but progress brings problems, hence we must redouble our energies. "We are to put into this year's work more wise planning, more unity, more aggressiveness than ever before. Let us have the upward look. 'He who holds creation up shall guide his creatures too'."

The meeting closed with a verse of America.

HATTIE E. ROYAL.

"AN old colored man in Alabama, who, one hot day in July while he was at his work in a cotton field suddenly stopped, and looking toward the sky, said, 'O Lawd, de cotton am so grassy, de work am so hard, and de sun am so hot dat I b'lieve dis darky am called to preach'."

JUDGED from sad experience. It is said that Red Cloud, who like all Indians loved truth in bidding some friends good-bye, once expressed the hope that they might meet again in "A land where the white men cease to be liars."

IT is stated on the best authority that a single county in Nevada, covering 16,000 square miles, and having a population of several thousand, has nowhere within its borders a church, or even a mission hall, in which the gospel is preached. Yet it may safely be assumed that saloons, gambling places and dance halls are to be found in abundance. A knowledge of the need for home missions is gradually spreading abroad.

IF any people ought to be stirred to do great things for God to-day, we are that people. The record of our years of achievement should inspire us to surpass the best of past years. Let us this year so earnestly work and pray that our high mark shall be realized, and the waiting ones in the waste places be gladdened by the heartiness and sufficiency of of our help.

AS the story of Spelman Seminary's twenty-fifth anniversary has been told in the denominational papers, and in the *Home Mission Monthly*, we will make a brief mention of it in this issue of ECHOES, because of lack of space. Many of the guests who were present upon this memorable occasion were there for the first time. Although they had read of Spelman's wonderful work, and heard its story from enthusiastic admirers, they were surprised and delighted as they entered the campus of twenty acres and saw the ten substantial buildings which have been provided for the use of the institution. Six hundred and fifty girls are now in the school. As the history of the work was told during the anniversary season, we repeated over and over the words which have so often been applied to Spelman, "What hath God wrought?"

The beginnings of the work in Friendship Church, the removal to the barracks, the erection of Rockefeller and Packard Halls, the generous gifts of buildings by Mr. Rockefeller in these later years whereby so many lines of work can be successfully carried forward, all this was told in papers and addresses. The presence of Miss Giles, one of the founders of the school, and still its beloved and honored President, was

MISS H. E. GILES.

a joy to all. The history of the work as it was unfolded day after day, was a story of prayer and faith, of tireless devotion and self sacrifice, seldom equalled in missionary annals. To Miss Packard and Miss Giles belongs the honor of starting the school, and during the years they have drawn about them cultured, consecrated women as teachers, who have loyally upheld them in their work.

A brief visit to Spelman gives only a glimpse of its far-reaching work. In Africa, South America, and in many schools all over the South her graduates are doing valiant service, while thousands of homes modeled after Spelmans' teachings are lifting the negro toward a higher and better life.

As we listened to the exercises of Anniversary week we remembered those who were identified with it in former years, and wished that they might be with us during these

glad days. Miss Packard, Dr. Morgan, Dr. and Mrs. McVicar, Mrs. DeLaMotta, Miss Granderson, and a score of others, who put so much of their life into this work. How we longed for the presence of our New England women, who have sacrificed and prayed and given for this work all through this twenty-five years. For many years the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society was the only organization that contributed for this work. Later the Slater Fund gave $5,000 annually for industrial work, and the General Education Board has in recent years aided nobly in the maintenance of the school. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, through its Secretary, Dr. Morehouse, has looked after the property of the school which is no light task, and has also been the means of interesting many in the institution. We wish Spelman had an endowment of a million dollars. At the twenty-fifth anniversary of Tuskegee, Booker Washington said, "It is necessary to have $180,000 each year to carry forward the work of this institution, and we ought to have an endowment of $4,000,000."

Spelman Seminary has about $30,000 each year for its work, and no endowment. New England women must not allow their interest in this school to abate. It must have a large place in their prayers, gifts and interest.

IT was our privilege to remain a few days at Spelman Seminary after the rest of the party had started homeward. We spent one day at Jeruel Academy, Athens, Ga., leaving Atlanta in the morning and returning at night. This secondary school has been carried forward for twenty years by Rev. J. H. Brown, a former student of Atlanta, Ga., his wife also is one of Spelman's pupils. In her address at the twenty-fifth anniversary she said, "Dr. McVicar once asked me how much I loved my people," and I said, "I love them nine years of hard work without a cent." Neatness and system marked this school but how much better equipment they need to make them comfortable.

A day was spent at Americus Institute, Americus, Ga. Rev. Mr. Reddick (a graduate of Atlanta College, and his wife a graduate of Spelman) pleaded for a new building, a new laundry, and more improvements about the premises. Six Spelman graduates are in this school as teachers, and they are wearing out because of lack of suitable school accommodations. Mr. and Mrs. Reddick want to make this institution a feeder of Atlanta Baptist College, and Spelman Seminary. Miss Giles told us that all students who come to Atlanta from Americus are thoroughly prepared. We wish we had money to properly equip this excellent school.

It was a pleasure to visit Beaufort, S. C., and inspect the work of Mather School. Miss Owen has been absent this year, and is sadly missed, but Miss Kinsman has ably carried forward the work. New England order and thrift prevails. We found many familiar faces among the corps of teachers. One day was given to visiting the class rooms. The change in the work of today, and pupils the same age sixteen years ago was striking. Mather School has done and is doing a noble work. They need more room, and changed conditions. Saturday afternoon we reluctantly left this pleasant spot and started for North Carolina, hoping to reach Winton by dawn, and visit some of Mr. Brown's churches. Instead we were left at Rocky Mount at 1.30 Sunday morning, and in the darkness followed our darker guide to unknown quarters. Country hotels in the South are not always comfortable. We were surprised to find a commodious and home-like hotel "with all modern improvements," "The New Cambridge." We commend it to all who need entertainment in Rocky Mount, N. C. Although by this unexpected change in our plans we lost Richmond, we were glad to find that we could not reach Norfolk Sunday morning, nor could we send a telegram. The Sabbath is far better observed in the South than in the North. We attended church and heard a plain, strong gospel sermon delivered to a church well filled with *men*, women and children. Monday morning we reached Tunis, and found Mr. Brown awaiting us, and were swiftly conveyed to Winton, three miles distant. Mr. Brown has made many improvements, but many more are needed, if only money were forthcoming. The heating and lighting of these buildings is a serious matter. Wood fires and kerosene lamps cause much anxiety to a school of this size.

We returned home from this brief visit to our schools with a stronger belief in the efficiency of our work among the negroes. Instead of doing less we should do more. A body of people, American Negroes, are in our midst to stay. Upon their future depends the weal or woe of millions of human beings. Patriotism, as well as Christianity, should prompt us to help a race who are so nobly helping themselves.

NURSE'S HOME, SPELMAN SEMINARY, ATLANTA, GA.

Resolutions Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, Beverly, May 2 and 3 ,1906.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society in the twenty-eighth annual meeting, acknowledge the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father in the year just past,

Resolved, that we express our gratification and confidence in the conduct of our Society interests by our officers and the Executive Board.

Resolved, that we impress upon our State and Associational officers the necessity of enlisting not only the sympathies and support of the women of our churches, in the plans of our Society, but of the young people and children as well, and we recommend the strengthening of our Alaskan work in the Sunday Schools.

Resolved, that we urge upon our circles the wisdom of using the funds collected for the specific work undertaken by this Society rather than for miscellaneous distribution.

Resolved, that considering the great needs of our Indian and our Alaskan work we call to the attention of our Associational Directors, the importance of bringing to individuals and circles the need of the immediate cooperation in the plan adopted and which received so generous a response at the annual meeting in Beverly, viz: the raising outside of our regular contributions of $10,000, by means of insurance policies of $5.00 each to be paid during any month in the year except March.

Resolved, that we help bear the burden of our Treasurer by presenting to the circles the necessity of making quarterly payments.

Resolved, that as a Christmas Thank Offering is planned by our Board in addition to our regular gifts that during the year we will look forward to making cheerful response to the same.

Resolved, that we devise means for furnishing an added supply of graded literature in the most attractive manner possible.

Resolved, that each local circle be asked to appoint an agent for HOME MISSION ECHOES for the purpose of enlarging the circulation of that most helpful magazine.

Resolved, that since without prayer our missionary work cannot be successfully carried on we counsel our circles to consider their great duty and privilege of prayer at each meeting and request that if possible the appointed Day of Prayer be observed.

Resolved, that we endorse the work of our Literature Mission and seek the cooperation through this channel of the women of our churches in the effort put forth to furnish helpful reading matter to those who will so greatly enjoy it.

Resolved, that we make earnest effort to secure a larger attendance at our next Annual Meeting, and that we express to our circles our desire that they should send delegates.

Resolved, that we desire to express our deep appreciation of the many courtesies shown to us by the friends who have made so delightful our stay in this city by the sea.

America's conquest means the speedy conquest of the world. Therefore let us take America at once

Basket Meeting

A BASKET Meeting of unusual strength and interest was held in the Westfield Association, at West Springfield, Mass., upon Friday, May 11. The pretty church was appropriately decorated with flags and flowers, and a furnace fire was much appreciated by those who came from a distance upon the electric cars. Many of our Spring meetings are held in cold churches, thereby endangering the health, and chilling the interest of all who attend.

The devotional meeting, and the Address of Welcome indicated the interest of the entertaining church. The pastor, Rev. W. L. Atherton was present through the whole day The report of the Director, Mrs. Charles Crook, was a unique one, and will not soon be forgotten. The report of the Treasurer, Miss Maynard was encouraging, and showed an advance in gifts. Mrs. Weeks of the Highland Church, Springfield gave an excellent paper upon the subject, "She hath done what she could." Luncheon was served in the vestry, and it was simple, but abundant. This association voted some years ago to charge fifteen cents for each person who remained to dinner. With a little planning the entertaining church can arrange the collation so that few are kept from the meetings.

A memorial service was held for Miss S. E. Ely, for many years an officer in the Home Mission Society of the Association, during the first hour of the afternoon. Tender and loving words were spoken by life long friends. An address upon the work of the Woman's Society was given by its Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Herbert E. Thayer of Springfield, closed this day with a fine report of the Annual Meeting at Beverly.

As Mrs. W. L. Atherton, for some years the efficient President of the organization resigned her position because of ill health, Mrs. Dr. Carmichiel of Springfield was chosen for this position. The whole day was a delight to all who attended. We have consecrated, cultured women in this association, who are planning wisely, and they consider the cause of sufficient importance to put themselves into it with the best they have. We expect great things from the Westfield Association next year.

The Power of Faith

THE man who accomplishes anything in this world is and must be a man of faith. Strong men, forcible men, virile men are men of faith. It may be a low type of faith—faith in self—but it is faith. How much stronger should be the man who has faith in God, the faith that says: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." This is faith of the higher type.

Be done with saying what you don't believe, and find in your soul the divinest, truest thing in which you do believe and work that out. Be the noblest man that your present faith, poor and weak and imperfect as it is, can make you to be. So and so only, as you take the next step forward, as you stand strong where you are now, so only as you think the curtain will draw back, and there will be revealed to you what lies beyond.—*Phillips Brooks.*

The American Baptist Home Mission Society

BEFORE these notes are read, the annual meeting of the Home Mission Society will have been held, and the seventy-fourth year be a matter of record. The portions of the Report which we present for ECHOES' readers indicate that it has been a year of increase and advancement. Home Missions must expand as the country expands. The puzzling problem is how to awaken our churches to the real needs of the country so that their contributions may enable the work to meet in at least some fair degree the requirements of the time.

THERE is the matter of work among foreigners, for example. The immigration is now so large that it is attracting serious attention, as it ought to do. The character of much of it, too, in respect to illiteracy and unskilled labor and low standards of living, has to be taken into account. What is to be done? What ought to be done? Legislation to restrict immigration in any degree is not at all likely. The issue really is on this side the sea. What will we do with and for those who are admitted by the tens of thousands—forty-five thousand at New York within a single week of April. It is calmly proposed by some to distribute them all over the country, as though they would go on the mere suggestion, or could be made to go. As a matter of fact, few of the immigrants want to be distributed, or propose to be. Rather the slums of New York or Chicago than the best advantages of country life. The cities are a magnet, and in the cities the work of evangelization must be carried on in earnest, or the opportunity will be lost. We show on another page one of the best ways of Americanizing the Italian immigrants. Mr. Mangano begins at the right place, with the impressionable children, and they go through the flag drill with a zest that promises much for their loyalty to the new country. If we could somehow get them into more comfortable dwelling places—for it is in most cases a misuse of words to speak of their "homes"—we should go far to elevate parents as well as children. There is a pathetic and hopeful side to immigration. No people ever had such a vast opportunity as American Christians have to reach and gospelize whole masses of those who have hitherto been deprived of the gospel as we know it and believe in it.

THE Home Mission Society now has a superintendent for this foreign work, and is in position to go forward as rapidly as the churches will make possible by their contributions. But there must be a large advance in this direction, and giving must really cost something, before we can take hold of this work in such manner as to convince the world and the foreigners that we have something worth their while to investigate and share. It will interest some readers to know that the Editorial Secretary of the Home Mission Society has been engaged in preparing the Home Mission Study Class text book, under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Movement, with immigration as the subject. "Aliens or Americans?" is the suggestive title, and the volume will not only fill its place as a text book, but will answer the questions almost every thoughtful Christian is asking concerning the new immigration and the effects of it upon our country. We are sure that there is no subject of greater importance now before the American people. And this may well be taken up by all the members of the church. Let us see if we cannot really arouse a public sentiment that shall result in something definite. We shall never do great things if we do not propose them, to say the least.

THAT Ford Building is all right in its way, but there is one other building, of somewhat different kind, that we should like to see in Boston. Suppose, for example, that Mr. Ford had taken the far look into the greatest need, and had seen the rapid foreignization of New England. What if a great building, not less costly than the present one, had been planted in the tenement district where the Italians and other races are thickest, the air and ventilation and sanitary conditions the least favorable to health, the playgrounds notable for their absence, and the life most hard and tempting to evil. In this building put in imagination a large hall for meetings, class rooms for Sunday school and kindergarten and industrial work, reading room and library, gymnasium and playrooms, restaurant and roof-garden. This would be a centre for foreign work in that district, with everything in the way of equipment necessary to carry on a great evangelistic and philanthropic work, and put joy and opportunity and hope into thousands on thousands of lives. Would not such a headquarters as that mean something to the church and the kingdom of God and the world? A few millions—and there are so many being squandered every year—would put Christianity in a different relation to the foreign elements of Boston, or New York, or Chicago. By and by some of our rich men will recognize this, and then we shall have buildings and endowments for this educational work—for it is educational in the truest sense, and assuredly not less important to the welfare of America than our colleges and universities. No, we may not realize these visions right away, but it is a good thing to dream dreams and see visions—for without visions the people perish.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Report

FROM the report submitted by Secretary Morehouse at Dayton we take some of the leading paragraphs, which indicate the work and progress of the year. Those who are interested in Home Missions will find this condensed account of a year's service of value for reference, and also for use in missionary meetings. There is much in the record for which to thank God.

A GENERAL EXPANSION.

The year shows expansion of operations on almost every hand. A supreme cause for gratitude is the unusually large number of conversions reported, as the result, in part, of the distinctive evangelistic efforts. There has been a pronounced spiritual quickening not only in many mission fields in the West, but also in the older States where the Society's representatives have labored. A fact of special interest is the conversion of a large number of students in Denison University, as the result of special meetings held there last winter. To the presidency of that institution, Dr. Jonthana Going, the first Corresponding Secretary of the Society, went in 1837, with all the spiritual ardor of his great soul, to establish a Christian institution that should be a blessing not merely to Ohio, but to the whole Central West; and at Granville repose the mortal remains of this eminently useful servant of God.

THE CALL FROM CALIFORNIA.

The great earthquake in California, on Wednesday morning, April 18, followed in San Francisco by an awful conflagration that rendered about 300,000 people homeless, horrified the country and evoked the most magnificent response of practical sympathy for the sufferers ever shown by our people. From the rooms of the Society in New York telegrams were sent to our denominational papers announcing that the Society would receive and carefully apply contributions of money for our distressed brethren and others in California. Its representatives on the Pacific coast were also directed to ascertain the extent of the damage to Baptist Church edifices and the amount of aid required to rebuild. It is supposed that the Society's Chinese Mission property in San Francisco was totally destroyed. This was insured for $8,000.

Churches that were strong will need assistance in the support of their pastors during the period of recovery from this calamity. They will be unable also to give as hitherto for State missionary work, so that the Society will need to increase its appropriations for this purpose. The most serious problem of all is the rebuilding of church edifices, especially in San Francisco. The Society's Church Edifice funds are entirely inadequate to the demands of this emergency. Never was there a time when a special offering by the denomination was so imperatively required as now, for these purposes. Within the next sixty days the Society should have at least $100,000 in hand for speedy assistance to our stricken brethren in California.

MISSIONS AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Young People's Forward Missionary Movement, the outgrowth of the Silver Bay Conferences of the past four or five years, has acquired much magnitude and momentum, attracting to itself missionary spirits of all denominations and projecting its work for the present year on a scale of expenditure of about $50,000 for administrative purpose and field agencies. Unlike the Student Volunteer Movement, which is exclusively in the interest of Foreign Missions, this includes both Home and Foreign Missions. The Editorial Secretary of the Society is a member of the Executive Committee of this organization and has co-operated in the preparation of stimulating and informing literature in the interest of Home Missions. The first experiment in publishing "Heroes of the Cross in America" has proved successful, and other volumes of study are in preparation. The Field Secretary of the Society, by special request, has also actively participated in its annual meetings. It is to be presumed and hoped that this Young People's Movement will sustain simply general auxiliary relationship to long established denominational missionary organizations and will heartily accord to Home Missions equitable recognition and proportionate attention.

HOME MISSION LITERATURE.

THE BAPTIST HOME MISSION MONTHLY has about doubled its subscription list during the last two years, and is now near the twenty thousand mark. The Editorial Secretary, Rev. Howard B. Grose, has not only rendered most efficient service in making THE MONTHLY attractive and interesting, but has prepared other literature for general use, and in many ways besides has represented the Society in conferences and on public occasions. Leaflets and other publications of a more varied and interesting character than ever before are now available, and more will soon be ready. "Heroes of the Cross in America," including in its contents a sketch of Dr. John M. Peck, and a historical sketch of the Home Mission Society, is much in demand. Special editions of this and the new book on "Immigration," now prepared by Mr. Grose, are published by the Society, and may be had in quantities for home mission study. We gratefully recognize also the hearty co-operation of the editors of our denominational papers in publishing information of interest furnished them concerning the Society's work.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The grand total of receipts for all purposes the past year was $805,403.57, being $121,351.46 more than for the previous year, and more than in any previous year of the Society's history.

For the General Fund receipts from all sources were $524,799.61, being $14,377.32 more than for the previous year. A decrease in legacies of $26,581.33 was more than offset by an increase of $34,003.24 in contributions.

The indebtedness March 31st was $46,394.55, of which $38,095.35 was brought over from previous years, leaving the net deficit for the year $8,299.20. Serious apprehensions were entertained until the closing month of a debt of nearly $80,000, but special offerings from many and receipts from other sources effected a substantial reduction. The increased expenditures for the year were chiefly for missionary work.

Contributions from the churches were $12,986.62 more than last year; but the total of $134,129 is painfully inadequate to the Society's needs, and is only about one-sixth of the grand total for all purposes. Were receipts from this source the sole reliance of the Society, or were one or two large individual donors to discontinue their offerings and at the same time were legacies to drop to a merely nominal sum, the consequences would be unspeakable.

From the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (Boston) $23,507.21 additional have been received, designated chiefly for salaries of teachers; and from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society (Chicago) $2,740, designated mostly for workers in Cuba and Porto Rico.

There is apparently a growing desire in many quarters on the part of the women in our churches for a closer relationship and for comprehensive participation in the varied work of the General Society, wherever and whenever the demands are greatest. The right and privilege of local circles thus to be associated with this Society can not be questioned; and such direct co-operation, whether for general or for specific purposes, is most heartily welcomed.

MISSIONARY WORK IN THE GREAT WEST.

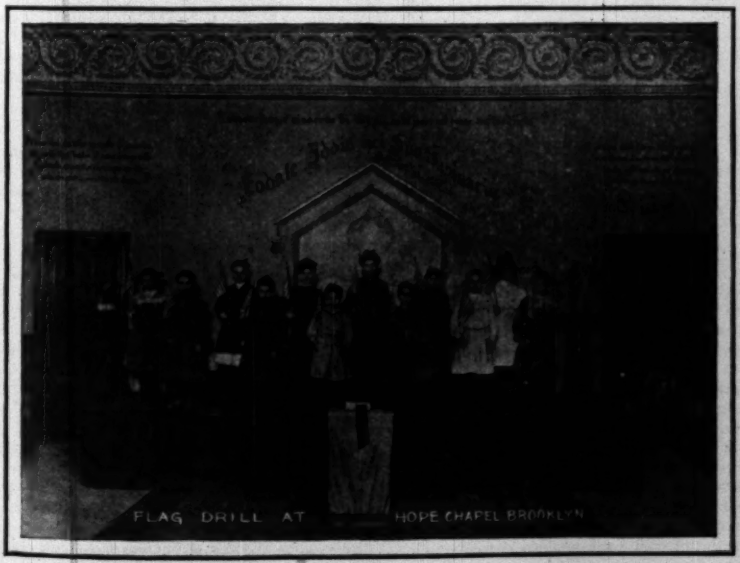
During the year, west of the Great Lakes, 982 missionaries were under the Society's appointment. This includes 24 teachers in schools for the Indians in Indian Territory. Reports show that 72 mission churches have attained to self-support. In the same time 104 new points have been occupied, while our general missionaries report that about 150 new fields should be entered this year. Thus the pressure for enlargement of operations is undiminished. Indeed, the development of the West, by the construction of new railroads and of enormous irrigation systems, as well as by the extension of its marine commerce is truly remarkable, and imposes upon the friends of Home Missions heavy responsibilities for the quick occupation of places that are to become centres of power in the future.

The "Get Together" Conference of Baptists of the Pacific Coast, at Portland, in April, for the comprehensive consideration of denominational interests throughout that extensive region, was an event of much significance. The consciousness of ability and responsibility that finds expression in such a gathering, has in it large promise for the future. It is largely a result of the Society's policy and of its liberal expenditures in that region, since the first missionaries were appointed to Oregon in 1845. It appears that the Society has appropriated for missionary work on the Pacific Coast, approximately $965,000; and in gifts for Church Edifice work, $159,000; and about the same amount in Loans. In some States and Territories, nearly all the churches have received aid from the missionary and Church Edifice funds of the Society, as indicated by the fact that 152 have been aided by loans, and 305 by gifts from the Church Edifice funds. Many of the 540 churches are yet without houses of worship, and the 45,000 Baptists of the Coast are widely scattered over that vast region, mostly in small churches, heroically struggling to maintain themselves, not simply to meet the religious needs of the present, but to have a potent influence in shaping a Christian civilization for the greater future.

NEW MISSION IN ALASKA.

The City of Seward, on Resurrection Bay, Alaska, will be occupied by a missionary of this Society, about June 1. This will probably be the leading commercial centre of that region, a railway being in process of construction from this point to the Tanana gold district of the Yukon. Seward is 180 miles northeast of Kodiak, and Wood Island, where a mission and an Orphanage have been established by the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society; and about the same distance in a direct line, though farther by routes of travel, to our other mission station, still northeasterly, at Copper Centre. The last Government reports concerning Alaska show conclusively its rich resources and its great possibilities.

At Copper Centre, Alaska, the Government has erected a school building and made other improvements that add greatly to the comfort and to the efficiency of Rev. G. S. Clevenger and wife in their work. Besides the religious



service rendered Mr. Clevenger counsels and directs them in temporal matters and earning their subsistence. Thousands of white people passing to and from the Tanana gold fields, make Copper Centre a stopping point for rest and recuperation, thus affording the missionary many opportunities for Christian ministration of many kinds. An aggravating feature of the situation has been the establishment of a saloon at Copper Centre, but in his last letter, Mr. Clevenger expresses the belief that the protests of himself and others will prove effective in the abolition of it, and so remove a menace to our work for the Indians.

MISSIONARY SUMMARY.

The following presents a summary exhibit of the missionary operations of the Society: The whole number of laborers, missionaries and teachers, supported wholly or in part by the Society, has been 1,552. These have been distributed as follows: New England States, 66; Middle and Central States, 149; Southern States, 274; Western States and Territories, 982; Canadian Dominion, 9; Mexico, 25; Alaska, 1; Cuba, 19; Porto Rico, 27; French missionaries have wrought in 10 States; Scandinavian missionaries in 23 States; German missionaries in 22 States and Canada; colored missionaries in 19 States and Territories. Among the foreign populations there have been 312 missionaries and 10 teachers; among the colored people, 46 and 260; the Indians, 21 and 29; the Mexicans, 22 and 17; the Cubans, 17 and 2; the Porto Ricans, 24 and 3, respectively; and among Americans, 789 missionaries. The Society aids in the maintenance of 44 schools established for the colored people, the Indians, and the Mexicans. There are 6 day schools for the Chinese, and other day schools.

The total membership in the mission churches is 72,453; Sunday School attendance 93,775. The number of baptisms last year was 8,432, while the year preceding it was 7,203, a gain of 1,229. This shows the evangelistic trend. The record of baptisms for the last 65 years is 200,634, while 6,052 churches have been organized by the Society.

CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

This table shows the advance in Cuba at a glance:

	1905.	1906.
Number of members,	987	1355
Baptisms,	474	375
Number of churches,	18	26
Houses of worship,	9	15
Number of Sunday schools,	19	23
Pupils in day schools,	94	104

In Southern Porto Rico there were 115 baptisms. The 11 churches have 567 members, and the average Sunday school attendance is 611. There are 28 out stations. Mrs. Duggan's work in Ponce has been greatly blessed. Her efforts in the "woman's class" have succeeded in building up a body of intelligent, spiritually minded women, whose presence and influence mean much for the strengthening of the church; while the presence of eighty children in the infant class tells something of her work among the children. La Playa, Barranquitas, Yauco and Adjuntas have also felt the impress of her influence during the year.

During the year, excellent houses of worship, costing in round numbers $6,500 each, have been erected in Coama and Yauco, with the effect of increasing from 75 to 100 per cent. the attendance on the services. The work of the correspondence school has continued with good results. Missionary L. E. Troyer is in general charge of this field. Mrs. Troyer has opened a girls' industrial school of great promise in Coama. The attendance has been excellent through the entire session, taxing to the utmost the two rear rooms of the church, which were the only quarters available for this purpose. The erection during the coming summer of a suitable building for this new and promising enterprise, would insure a much larger attendance for the next session. Valuable service in teaching has been rendered by Miss Greenlaw, who at the opening of the term removed from Ponce to Coamo.

In Northern Porto Rico, where Rev. H. W. Vodra is superintendent, two churches at Guzman Arriba and Ausubal, have pastors who earn their bread with their own hands, so that the churches are self-supporting. The pastor at Ausubal works three days a week in a sugar hacienda and gives the other four free to the church. There is an example of devotion worthy of note. The 8 churches have 411 members, and there were 58 baptisms last year. The beautiful chapel at Rio Piedras was dedicated July 23, and has put the work on a permanent footing. The churches are served by seven native workers. San Juan needs a large and convenient building. Four towns need chapels, and more men are wanted for the growing work.

The Caguas-Cayey District has 7 churches with 401 members; baptisms 97 last year. Five faithful native workers have been employed, and the gospel is regularly preached at more than 30 points.

CHURCH EDIFICE DEPARTMENT.

The number of churches aided during the year is 411; by gift only, 72; by loan only, 17; by gift and loan, 25; The total number of grants from the loan fund is 42; and from the gift fund 97.

The nationalities aided by gift are: American, 51; German, 5; Swedes, 13; Cuban, 11; Porto Rican, 6; Mexican, 3; Finnish, 1; Indian, 2; Colored, 4; French, 1; Bohemian, 1; Dane-Norwegian, 1. The nationalities aided by loans are: American, 34; Swede, 4; Colored, 2; French, 1; Porto Rican, 1. The whole number of churches aided up to the present time is 2,524; of these 2,187 have been aided in the past twenty-five years.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

President George Sale, of Atlanta Baptist College, has been unanimously appointed Superintendent of the Society's educational work, beginning June 1, 1906. For sixteen years he has administered the affairs of the College with eminent ability; has won for himself a large place in the esteem of leading brethren, both of the white and the colored Baptists of the South; is on the best relations with those in charge of affairs at Spelman Seminary; and has been a thoughtful student of the problems connected with our work for the colored people. Hence, he brings to his task, the ripe experience and observation of many years, with an insight into conditions and a matured judgment that, in the estimation of his friends, constitute an exceptional equipment at the outset for the service to which he has been called

SCHOOL CONVERSIONS.

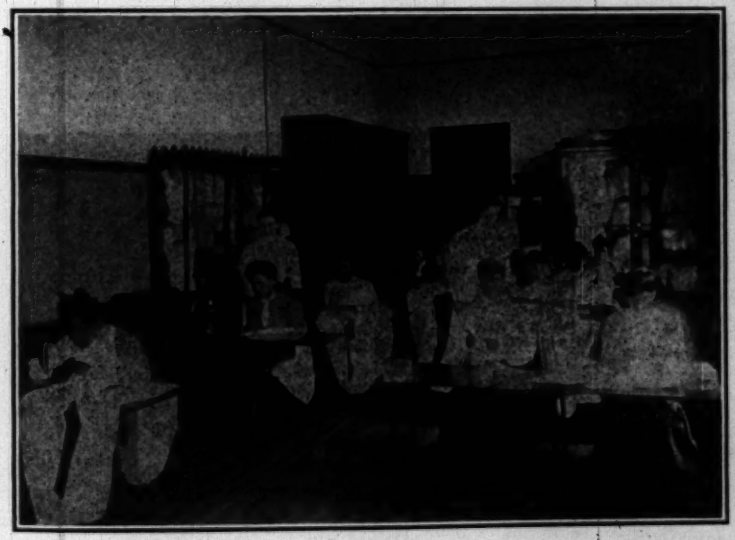
Note what evangelistic agencies these schools are. At Atlanta College 12 professed Christ, leaving few unconverted on the rolls. President Barrett of Jackson College reports a powerful revival in the school, resulting in about thirty-five conversions, and that all but two of the boys and all but seven

of the girls are hopeful Christians. At Shaw University at least ninety-five per cent. of the enrollment are professing Christians. At Virginia Union University President Hovey reports that 224 of a total enrollment of 253 are professing Christians. President Chaffee of Bishop College reports only about twenty unconverted, in an enrollment of nearly 400. Thus we are laying hold of and molding the characters of a proportionately larger Christian element than can be found, probably, in any other similar institutions in our land.

The new school in Cuba will be located at El Cristo. About $25,000 will be needed for this. In Porto Rico a Union Bible Training School will probably be established in San Juan by the various denominational missionary societies working in Porto Rico. This will be a co-operative movement of much interest. The utmost comity has prevailed in Christian work in the island, with the best results.

CONCLUSION.

Altogether, the year has been unparalleled in the history of the Society. It is conspicuous for the most missionaries, the most church edifice grants, the largest enrollment in our schools, the greatest receipts, the most baptisms and the inauguration of the special department of Evangelistic effort. The American Baptist Home Mission Society unquestionably touches the life and activities of the denomination and of our country at more points of influence and in more varied ways, than any other Baptist organization in America. The administration of its affairs is attended with grave responsibilities. Thorough organization and assiduous attention are necessary for that steadiness and smoothness and efficiency which in general characterize oparations of such magnitude and variety. Between the Society and numerous other denominational organizations there is a growing spirit of fellowship in service for Christ and an evident desire for a better correlation of forces for the enormous task before us. A study in denominational dynamics discloses the need and the advantages of yet closer relationships of these organized forces for that more effective unity which to some seems possible, in which all the living wheels, interpenetrated and directed by the Spirit or God move concurrently, and "all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love."



SEWING CLASS.

What He Sold Them For

A MAN approached a stand upon which some questionable looking fowls were offered for sale. "What will you sell them for?" he asked of a shrewd, gray-bearded farmer. "I sell them for profits," answered that individual. "Is that so?" answered the customer in feigned surprise. "I'm glad to know they are prophets. I took them for patriarchs.—*Christian Register*.

IT seems to have been planned by political hedging to defer action in the Smoot case to the utmost limit; it is now to stretch over into the autumn at least. Meantime, never, since Statehood was conferred have the Mormons been so openly defiant of the opinion of the American element in their communities. This insolent assurance is outspoken, while the pressure in business and social life upon non-Mormons is so persistent and depressing that many are leaving Utah at a property sacrifice.

Our Little Folks

Baby's Penny

I am but a penny, from a baby's hands;
Can I bear glad tidings over many lands?
Baby's love goes with me, so her penny's blest;
God's love joined with baby's, will do all the rest.
— Selected.

ONE OF OUR PRECIOUS JEWELS

IN how many of our Baptist homes of New England are these jewels to be found. Some will recognize, and all would love the little four and a half year old boy, whose picture we are glad to give, Francis Bakeman Donovan, of Newton Centre, Mass., who was made a life Precious Jewel when about six weeks old. We cannot forget the helpful contributions to our columns in the years past from the pen of his mother, once our "Nellie Bakeman," or her inspiring words at our Annual Meetings.

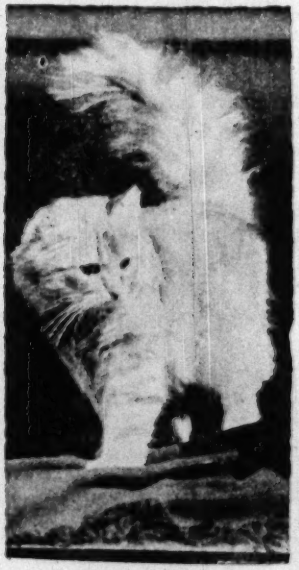
Speaking of Precious Jewels,—some of them have been the means of interesting the mothers in Home Mission work and of bringing many families into active connection with church life. We have sometimes had in ECHOES a report of a very flourishing Precious Jewel Band and of its annual gathering when the mothers all come and such a good time was enjoyed.

A writer in "Life and Light" speaks of the Cradle Roll (which is very like our Precious Jewel Band) in the country, and says "it means hours of work and miles of travel, but for the leader, the mothers, the babies, and the church life it pays so highly that we would say Do not let this year pass without forming one. Membership cards are treasured possessions and the birthday letter or an occasional message about the work is a welcome excitement in the life of the average child. To the yearly party every mother and child is personally invited, the picture postals now furnished by all Missionary Boards being used. Some lawn or church parlor is the setting for the merry scene; the seniors furnish songs and recitations. Foreign costumes (Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, etc., all come within the scope of our Home Mission work in America) or curiosities, make real the work we are doing. A few simple, earnest words from some woman who loves both children and missions will help them to remember the reason for it all, and games and the little supper add the proper finish to the day."

Dear little Precious Jewels sparkle on, and let your pure sweet light shine into many sad hearts and lonely homes and be the means of leading many to Jesus.

A Missionary Kitten

WE have always felt a great love for the dear little pets that brighten our homes, and into the corner where we gather this month we will allow the little buff Angora kitten to come. You must know that it is a missionary kitten and into the log cabin mite box that is known as "Cosy's mite box" go many pennies from those who come as guests to our home and are attracted by the winsome little creature. And the box grows heavier by other contributions. At the end of the year we will tell you how much he has added to our treasury. You must know too that the souvenir postal with his



"COSY COMFORT"

above picture is going here and there from one friend to another, and many of them bear this verse:—

I. You ask my home—'tis Auburn, Maine,
At Spring Street,—thirty- six;
As "Cosy Comfort Hunt" I'm known,
I've many cunning tricks.
And now I'm coming all alone
To bring you lots of cheer,
From all my friends who send to you
A greeting,—do you hear?

Hints for Those Who Can Use Them

ON a recent Sabbath Day we had two nice meetings with the little folks and young people in one of our Maine Sunday Schools, telling them of our Alaskan work and in the Junior Endeavor Society speaking of our work in many parts of the field.

At the lunch hour that separated the meetings we saw how one of the little folks of the Sunday School spent his Sunday P. M. The mother said "my boy is much interested in his picture cards. Here is one of them, large, you see, and on it we are pasting the very best pictures I can find in the ECHOES and elsewhere. This one is Chinese, and that one Mexican. Being so large they will hold a great number and they are easily handled singly. We shall keep on till we have several on each part of our work. They will be nice to use in the Junior meetings and in our Women's Circles as well."

Can you not begin a series of cards?

It was a birthday missionary social in a Christian Endeavor Society, under the charge of the missionary and social committees.

As the young people entered, slips of paper were pinned on their backs bearing on them the names of countries in which our Baptists have missionaries. (Applied to our Home work different nationalities among whom we labor would be substituted.)

By a great many questions the young folks arrived at the name they were wearing.

This Society has a missionary library and its books were hidden in various parts of the house under sofa pillows and pieces of furniture, etc. A boy and girl went together on the search for the volumes and when one was found were obliged to sit down and talk together concerning the contents of the book

The name of every member of the Society whose birthday occured that month was written in a conspicuous place and as the evening closed were presented with souvenirs in the shape of tastefully arranged cards, having upon them missionary pictures—it might be like those which would group themselves together in representation of our Wood Island Orphanage and its teachers, the church, etc

Anniversary Notes

E looked and listened for you, little folks, at the Beverly Annual meeting, for this is all the long word anniversary means. "Annual, returning with the year," so the dictionary says.

The very first thing we heard that you will be glad to know was that the Juniors in each of our New England States are getting to be more and more interested in the good work our Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society is carrying on.

The next thing that helped the program along very pleasantly was "Conversation—Life at Kodiak Orphanage." In this dialogue seven Beverly boys took part, and when it was over we had a very good idea of a sample day's work at the Orphanage. Every Junior Society can have this exercise in some one of its meetings this year, for it is in leaflet form and can be obtained at our rooms in Boston.

"Our Paper Mission." What do you suppose this can be? Men and women, missionaries or temperance workers it may be, go on very important errands or missions but who ever heard of a newspaper going on one? But it often does, and Miss Eva Howlett of Wakefield, Mass., told us all about the cheer and comfort that our papers and magazines bring to the families of our Home Missionaries away off in some places very far removed from other homes, and sometimes where there is no other missionary family for hundreds of miles around.

Now children, what do you do with your *Youth's Companions*, and other similar papers? If you file them away to read again or to be bound, it is all right, if you pile them away never to be looked at except by your mammas at house-cleaning time each year it, is all wrong.

A "BLACK DIAMOND"

Remember this very day some boy or girl is hungry for just a bit of the reading you have in such large quantities,—get an address from Miss Howlett, and each week or month send on its blessed mission the paper of magazine you have enjoyed so much.

Stories? Did we hear any? Yes, plenty of them and good ones too about the children in Alaska and among the Indians, and in the south and in Porto Rico, etc., etc.

One of the little ones at the Orphanage said, "Oh, Grandma Campbell I'm *so* happy." "Why are you happy child?" "Oh, because I've given my heart to Jesus."

Susan a little colored girl of whom Miss Owen told us, had one dime and came to her teacher asking if she might buy some candy. Permission was given and Susan ran away but was back again in a trice, saying, joyfully, "here's my money. I forgot all about the missionary meeting."

Another little black girl's gift of a few pennies and her missionary hen was a large offering in our Master's sight.

Miss Owen was one day watching one of her pupils at her sewing. It was just the putting on of a skirt binding, but it didn't fit at all, being a couple of inches too long. The teacher half expected to see the scissors snip off the binding but instead, after a few minute's inspection, the little head bent low over the work and patient fingers ripped it off stitch by stitch. "Why are you doing that?" asked Miss Owen. "O, teacher, because the Bible verse says 'let everything be done decently and in order,' and I knew it wouldn't be doing it so if I cut off the binding." A good lesson for us all.